

25, WILTON PLACE.

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My dear Gray

It is long since we have  
heard from you. Some weeks ago Hooker  
told me you had been ill but had got over it  
and I am now rather anxious to learn that  
you are well and at work at your flower  
beds for me I am much better than I  
was expected to be six weeks ago but am  
still quite unable to do anything in botany  
or go to Kew where I was only once in  
June and near dinner. The most I can  
do is to take a drive in the park when it  
is fine - I cannot walk a hundred yards  
so I have only to pour over a book or the  
newspapers till my eyes are tired and

them at doing nothing, - which as you  
know I have never been used to - at  
this dead season for London the few  
friends I still have are all away.

I trust you have been satisfactorily  
repaid for all the Geneva & Cantarum you  
took - When the balances of our publishers  
(Kiddiman's accounts are paid (next  
Christmas) our debts will be repaid with  
a little over and the sale I hope will  
go on though slowly -

Hoping to hear from you soon and  
with kindest remembrances to Mr Grey  
believe me ever yours most sincerely

George Deatman